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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 & §1.98

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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find copies of documents cited in connection with foreign patents/applications corresponding to the above-identified application; that is, cited in an Opposition in connection with the corresponding Japanese Patent No. 3,337,464, and cited in connection with a corresponding Chinese patent application. Also enclosed is a copy of the Office Action, issued June 6, 2003 in the corresponding Chinese patent application; and of the Opposition in connection with the corresponding Japanese patent, dated April 21, 2003, with Japanese counsel for Applicants being notified of the Opposition on June 27, 2003. Further enclosed is a Form, substantially equivalent to Form PTO-1449, listing the enclosed documents, with the exception of the enclosed Office Action from the Chinese Patent Office and of the Opposition.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application, but prior to a Final rejection or issuance of a Notice of Allowance, or issuance of any other action closing prosecution on the merits in the present application. For satisfying requirements of 37 CFR § 1.97(c), the following Statement is made under 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(1), noting that various of the enclosed references were cited in an Opposition in connection with the corresponding Japanese patent, which qualifies as being cited in a communication from a foreign patent office:

Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

In any event, even if the documents cited in the Opposition for the corresponding Japanese patent do not qualify as being cited in a communication from a foreign patent office, the following additional Statement is made under 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(2):

No item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR § 1.56(c), more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

To the extent that the enclosed documents are not in English, please note the following:

(1) the enclosed U.S. Patent No. 6,117,783 and No. 6,313,039 correspond to the enclosed JP No. 2000-501771;

(2) the enclosed U.S. Patent No. 5,575,885 corresponds to the enclosed JP No. 07/233485;

(3) the enclosed U.S. Patent No. 4,954,142 and No. 5,084,071 correspond to the enclosed JP No. 2-278822; and

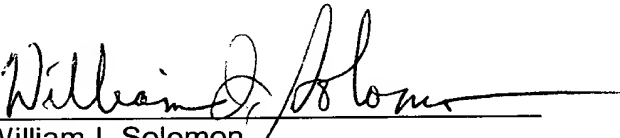
(4) the enclosed European Patent Application No. 845,512 corresponds to the enclosed JP No. 10-163141.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with each of the documents listed in the enclosed Form. Accordingly, consideration of the listed documents, upon further examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 566.39787X00) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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